

Vehicle & Motor Carrier Services' Fourth Quarter 2017 Newsletter

Commercial vehicle titles
Fuel and registration trip permits
International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA)

Travel authority
Permits for over dimensional loads
International Registration Plan (IRP)

December 2017

Date's to Remember



International Fuel
Tax Agreement (IFTA)
IFTA Fourth quarter 2017 tax
return filing & payment deadline
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018

November 2017

1st - 2018 decals may be displayed, and both 2018 & 2017 IFTA licenses must be carried in the truck until Jan. 1, 2018.

23rd & 24th - Iowa DOT office closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

30th - November IRP Renewal deadline. **If you are deleting units with permanent plates from your fleet, the plates must be returned/postmarked on or before the last day of your renewal expiration date. If permanent plates are not returned timely, registration renewal fees for deleted units shall be assessed.**

December 2017

18th - ELD effective date for those using paper logs or logging software.

25th - Iowa DOT offices are closed for Christmas holiday.

31st - December IRP Renewal deadline. **If you are deleting units with permanent plates from your fleet, the plates must be returned/postmarked on or before the last day of your renewal expiration date. If permanent plates are not returned timely, registration renewal fees for deleted units shall be assessed.**

Deadline for submitting 2018 IFTA renewal application.

January 2018

1st - Iowa DOT offices closed for New Year holiday.

31st - January IRP Renewal deadline. **If you are deleting units with permanent plates from your fleet, the plates must be returned/postmarked on or before the last day of your renewal expiration date. If permanent plates are not returned timely, registration renewal fees for deleted units shall be assessed.**

4th Quarter IFTA Tax Return filing & payment Deadline.

February 2018

28th - February IRP Renewal deadline. **If you are deleting units with permanent plates from your fleet, the plates must be returned/postmarked on or before the last day of your renewal expiration date. If permanent plates are not returned timely, registration renewal fees for deleted units shall be assessed.**

2018 IFTA Decals must be displayed by this date.

March 2018

31st - March IRP Renewal deadline. **If you are deleting units with permanent plates from your fleet, the plates must be returned/postmarked on or before the last day of your renewal expiration date. If permanent plates are not returned timely, registration renewal fees for deleted units shall be assessed.**

What's New?

IFTA Decal display date change: Carriers are now allowed to display their 2018 IFTA decals as of Nov. 1, 2017, two months prior to the effective date of Jan. 1, 2018. Carriers must carry both years (2017 & 2018), licenses in the vehicle until Jan. 1, 2018.

FMCSA Electronic Logging Device (ELD) rule:

The ELD rule is intended to help create a safer work environment for drivers, and make it easier, faster to accurately track, manage, and share records of duty status (RODS) data.

For carriers using AOBRDs (automatic onboard recording devices) before the rule compliance date of Dec. 18, 2017, the rule will replace AOBRDs with ELDs over a four-year implementation period.

An ELD synchronizes with a vehicle engine to automatically record driving time, for easier, more accurate hours of service recording.

The rule applies to most carriers and drivers who are required to maintain RODs.

Carriers and drivers who are using paper logs or logging software must transition to ELDs no later than Dec. 18, 2017.

Carriers and drivers who use AOBRDs prior to the compliance date must transition to ELDs no later than Dec. 16, 2019.

Although ELD devices can be great, not all are created equal, as with anything, you must ensure the ELD you choose will meet **all** of your record keeping and retention requirements under IRP & IFTA.

For more information, please visit

fmcsa.dot.gov/elds and irponline.org

Hot Topics

ATTENTION: 2018 Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) REGISTRATION HAS BEEN

DELAYED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

For updates, continue to check our website at iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers or the Indiana website at ucr.in.gov

Let's chat

The office of vehicle & motor carrier services has added **LIVE CHAT** as a communication tool with our office.

Got a question about motor carrier services?

Get the answer by chatting online with one of our customer service representatives.

To access the online chat, visit our website at iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers or iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/osowpermits

Reminder's

IRP Reporting periods and credential information

1. **If you are deleting units with permanent plates from your fleet, the plates must be returned/postmarked on or before the last day of your renewal expiration date. If permanent plates are not returned timely, registration renewal fees for deleted units shall be assessed.**
2. Distance reporting period: **July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.**
3. 2290 reporting period: **July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.**

Form 2290 filing requirements and information:

[IRS Trucking Tax Center](#)

4. Display 2018 credentials on/before your current credentials expire. If the 2018 credentials are displayed prior to your current credentials expiring, both the 2017 and 2018 cab cards must be carried in the vehicle.
5. If you have annual plates, they do not need to be returned during renewal time unless you are storing your unit.
6. If you are deleting a unit anytime during the year other than your renewal month, you **must** return the annual **and/or** permanent plates, fill out a vehicle schedule deleting these units and fill out a claim for refund form in order to apply for a refund of Iowa fees paid.

Motor Carrier Responsible for Safety (MCRS): All IRP commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) registered within a Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) State must have a MCRS assigned to it.

If you indicated the MCRS is not going to change during the registration period, the MCRS information will be printed on the cab card.

If the MCRS changes during the registration period, the changes must be made with our office within ten days, on the vehicle(s) affected, and a current lease agreement provided.

Updates are critical to keep information current to allow carriers to operate without interruption.

If you indicated the MCRS is going to change during the registration period, the MCRS information will not be placed on the cab card. This means the driver must have in his or her possession appropriate documentation (a current cab card, lease agreement and shipping document) to present if stopped at roadside.

If the MCRS changes are due to a federal out of service order, you must make the change with our office immediately, and provide a current lease agreement between you and the company with whom you are leasing, **and receive your updated credentials before operating.**

Online processing is required for all IFTA quarterly tax returns.

Supported Internet browsers are Microsoft® Internet Explorer® (IE) Google Chrome™, or Mozilla® Firefox® – newer IE versions may need to run in the compatibility mode. You must allow **pop-up windows for the online IFTA/IRP applications to work.**

Use the same Account ID (client ID) and password used to file IRP renewal and supplements online. **Don't wait until the last minute to request a password – all you have to do is email omcs@iowadot.us** and include your Client ID, and telephone number, and a temporary password (good for 24-hours) will be sent to the email address on file.

Filing online: 1) Go to iowadot.gov/iftairp; 2) The next window is the "hub" of the online application where you will sign in to the application and find the "IFTA online reference guide." It is recommended going through the reference guide and FAQs for any questions you may have. Completing the IFTA tax return are detailed in this guide. Follow each step until all of information is entered, once complete, proceed until you come to the **payment collection screen**, once you have reached this screen, your tax return has been successfully filed. If you are sending payment in by mail, you will select "Quit" at the bottom of the screen. If you are paying online with Dwolla, select "pay with Dwolla" located on the lower right side. If paying with escrow, select "payment type – Escrow", enter the amount and click proceed on each screen until a PDF of your tax return showing payment pops up. If it is a zero report, click proceed on each screen until a PDF of your tax return showing payment made pops up.

To avoid penalty and interest, payments must be made in full and in a timely manner.

Acceptable methods of payment:

Dwolla & Escrow Accounts (online payment option)

Check, money order, or cashier check.

*Credit card (\$2.50 or 3.75 percent fee added, whichever is greater)

*T-check, Comcheck, or electronic funds source (EFS) check number

*To use these options call 515-237-3268.

Vehicle & Motor Carrier Services

Contact Information

Mailing address:

P.O. Box 10382, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-0382

Physical address:

6310 SE Convenience Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa 50021
(exit 89 on Interstate 35)

Counter hours: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

New registrant and reinstatement customers must arrive by 2 p.m. with completed paperwork for same day service. **However, we recommend submitting all paperwork by fax or email for review prior to coming into the counter.**

Email: omcs@iowadot.us

Website: iowadot.gov/iftairp

Motor carrier audits 515-239-1030
515-239-1874 Fax

For questions regarding OS/OW, Fuel & Trip Permits, IFTA, IRP, UCR, and Travel Authority, visit our website at iowadot.gov.

If your questions are not answered you may chat with us on live chat at iowadot.gov/mvd/motor carriers or www.iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/osowpermits,

email us at omcs@iowadot.us

or call us at one of the numbers below.

Fuel and trip permits, and 515-237-3268
Oversize/Overweight permits 515-237-3257 Fax

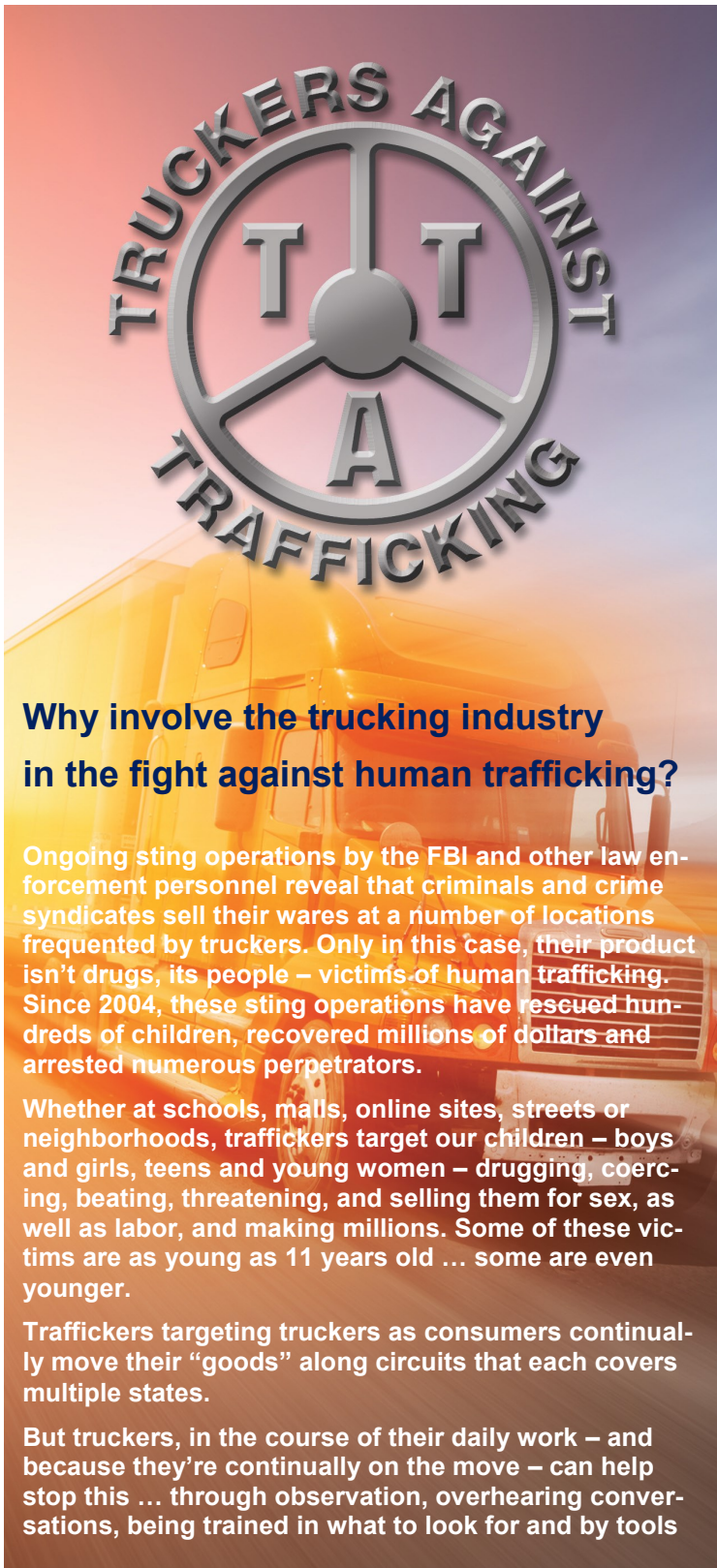
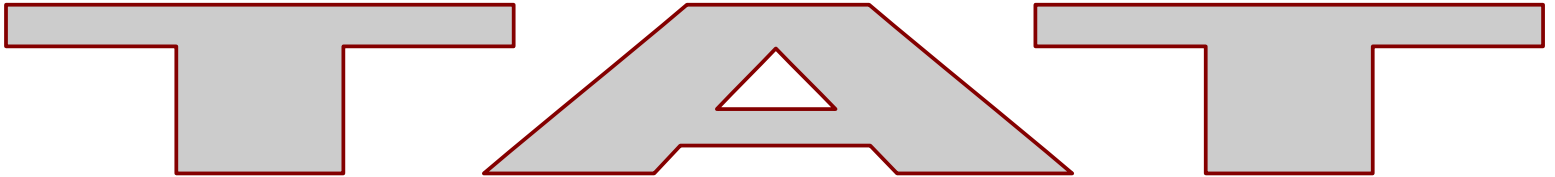
IFTA fuel tax, IRP registration, 515-237-3268
UCR, TNC'S, Travel Authority, 515-237-3268 Fax
and Commercial vehicle titles

Reminder's

Record Retention Requirements

IFTA RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS: Distance and fuel documents **MUST** be kept for four years from the tax return due date or filing date, whichever is later

IRP RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS: Distance documents **MUST** be kept for the distance reporting period of July 1 through June 30 that corresponds to the current registration year, plus the three previous registration years.



Why involve the trucking industry in the fight against human trafficking?

Ongoing sting operations by the FBI and other law enforcement personnel reveal that criminals and crime syndicates sell their wares at a number of locations frequented by truckers. Only in this case, their product isn't drugs, its people – victims of human trafficking. Since 2004, these sting operations have rescued hundreds of children, recovered millions of dollars and arrested numerous perpetrators.

Whether at schools, malls, online sites, streets or neighborhoods, traffickers target our children – boys and girls, teens and young women – drugging, coercing, beating, threatening, and selling them for sex, as well as labor, and making millions. Some of these victims are as young as 11 years old ... some are even younger.

Traffickers targeting truckers as consumers continually move their "goods" along circuits that each covers multiple states.

But truckers, in the course of their daily work – and because they're continually on the move – can help stop this ... through observation, overhearing conversations, being trained in what to look for and by tools

Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) ® began in March 2009 as an initiative of Chapter 61 Ministries to educate, equip, empower and mobilize members of the trucking industry on the critical role they can play in fighting one of the most lucrative and destructive crimes in the United States and globally.

Today, TAT is a 501c3 organization with three main goals to accomplish our mission:

- Have our TAT materials made a regular part of training/ orientation for members of the trucking industry, so when they suspect human trafficking, they'll call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) at 1-888-373-7888 and report what they know.
- Partner with law enforcement to facilitate the investigation of human trafficking.
- Marshal the resources of the trucking industry to combat this crime.

We provide a website, truckersagainstrafficking.org; a trucking-industry-specific training DVD; webinars; human trafficking presentations; wallet cards truckers can carry with information to help them recognize trafficking and call the NHTRC number when it is suspected; posters and other materials the trucking industry can use for publicity and promotion; and the Freedom Drivers Project — a 48' mobile exhibit designed to educate audiences about the realities of domestic sex trafficking and how the trucking industry is combating it.

TAT also works to build coalitions between members of law enforcement, anti-trafficking organizations and key industry stakeholders, including general managers of truck stops and travel plazas, large carriers and state trucking associations, to further the apprehension of traffickers and the recovery of victims. We interact with appropriate state and national agencies to have our materials used in all venues involving trucking and strategize with state and local law enforcement and government on additional ways the trucking industry can provide invaluable help. We continually strive to help the trucking industry develop its unique contribution and leadership in the fight against human trafficking.

TAT Update

On Oct 26th Sgt Neil Suckow and other MVE staff held an event at the Road Ranger travel center in Waterloo, to reach out and speak with Commercial Motor Vehicle drivers.

MVE also made a presentation at the Midwest Counter Drug Training Center in Johnston last month. The audience was comprised of law enforcement executives from across the state. Sgt Kevin Killpack provided this training, which MVE co-sponsored.

In addition to these outreach events, our officers speak to every CMV driver they encounter on and off the road about human trafficking. These three events reached over 200 people, our hope is these individuals continue to spread the word.



For more information on Truckers Against Trafficking,
or to find out how you can help, contact:

tat.truckers@gmail.com

or visit our website

truckersagainsttrafficking.org

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